"Not every missed call, SMS, or video call is Pegasus.

"Ben Hubbard seems to have forgotten, or has deliberately concealed the fact that we worked closely with him. Last year, in cooperation with Hubbard, we analyzed his claim and shared the conclusive results with him.

"The timing is very curious. Now that Hubbard has a book to sell, he and CitizenLab are resurfacing these unsubstantiated claims. Hubbard is aware of the facts, but along with CitizenLab, has chosen to ignore them.

"As the Bezos news unfolded last week, and wild unsubstantiated claims were directed toward NSO, it became clear that jumping to conclusions about the use of this type of technology and the actors involved is fraught with risk, as the information was leaked from a personal acquaintance.

"Such disingenuous attacks by CitizenLab and its camp-followers demonstrate that CitizenLab, Hubbard and others are not interested in pursuing the truth and their naked commercial ambitions are now clear for all to see. This is an exercise to increase book sales and contributions.

"Regardless of CitizenLab's enduring efforts to accuse NSO Group as being responsible for every alleged cyber intelligence misuse, NSO Group is proud of its work in assisting law enforcement agencies around the globe who are on the frontlines fighting serious organized crime and terrorism, and saving lives."

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